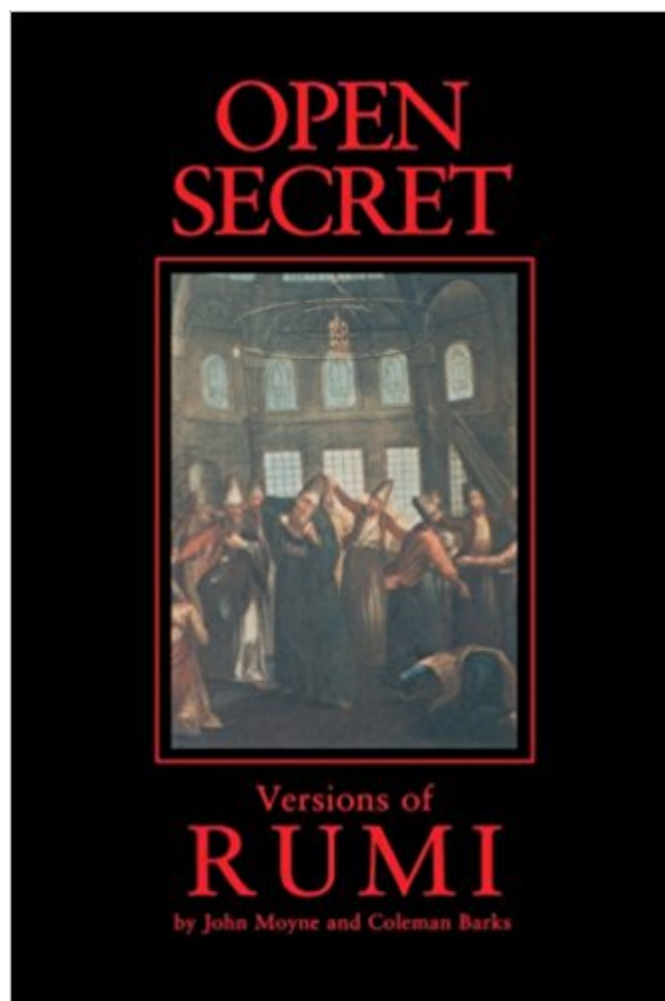


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## Synopsis

These quatrains and odes reveal a most human and accessible side of the great poet and mystic. They are the personal records of one man's encounter with the Divine.

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Poetry is easily relate-able.

Send as a gift, my girlfriend wrote back that she and her husband were really enjoying it!

This is not only my favorite Rumi book, but one of my favorite books. It has several of my best loved Rumi poems in one place. Although thin and spare, it is the Rumi I come back to and share with others time after time.

This is an amazing book of poetry, the words just dance off the page. this is a good place to start if you're interested in the poetry of Rumi. The translations are well done and don't sacrifice the

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Somehow while moving I lost this book It took me too long to relocate it. It contains beautiful, short, inspirational prose that may help you do remain centered and grounded.

A few poems without any explanation, context, or introduction to who he was.

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Unlike many of his translations of Rumi, *Open Secrets* credits the Persian scholar, John Moyne, as a co-author. The notes credit A. J. Arberry and R. A. Nicholson as well. Coleman Barks forms the translations in English poetry. This collection is of quatrains and odes. In this collection fewer of the poems use specifically Sufi imagery than in some collections; e.g. "Late, by myself, in the boat of myself" could as easily be Buddhist or Hindu; this makes the poetry more obviously universal than some collections. There are, of course, the more specifically Sufi tavern/wine images, e.g. "They say that Paradise will be perfect / with lots of clear white wine and all the beautiful women". These translations are meant for, and work best for, the individual reading for the spiritual content of Rumi rather than the scholar interested in Persian poetry.

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